

SONG INSPIRATION VIDEO

"Be Me"
Black Alley

Activity Summary

- ✓ Students watch the video to learn about the cultural historical importance of the song, *Be Me*.

Associated Video



"Song Inspiration Video"

thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley

Lesson Plan



1. Print the second page of this activity for all students.
2. Ask students to read the questions and take notes while they watch the video.
3. Play the video once while students take notes.
4. Tell students to check their answers with their partner and then play the video again so they can listen again.
5. After listening a second time, check the answers as a class.

Online Tip



This activity can be easily replicated online. Students can discuss their answers with their classmates in breakout rooms.

Read the following questions. Then, watch the video about the inspiration for the song *Be Me* to help you answer the questions. Take notes while you watch the video.



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1. The band Black Alley is based in Washington D.C. What do you think *based* means?
2. Kacey said the band does not want to be put inside a box. What do you think *put inside a box* means?
3. The band does not want to be a carbon copy of other bands. What do you think *carbon copy* means?
4. Black Alley has been pressured to look or sound more mainstream. What do you think *mainstream* means?
5. The style of trap rock music is a niche. What do you think *niche* means?